

# Mayor's Council on African American Elders

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## Meeting Summary

Tuesday, June 19, 2012

Central Area Senior Center

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

(Note: New meeting date, location and time)

MCAAE Members	Jan*	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Cynthia Andrews			x	x		x						
Kameka Brown		x	x	x	x	x						
Carolyn Johnson Davis			x									
Marti Lindeman		x	x	x	x	x						
Michael Lusk		x	x	x	x	x						
Helen Sikov		x	x		x	x						

\* - No meeting

## I. Committee Reports

### Legislative Advocacy Committee

- Marti reported that invites to elected officials were sent on June 15. Over the next week committee members will begin calling to confirm attendance. Cynthia recommended also inviting Rob Holland who is running for State Representative.
- Karen has conducted two Community Conversations (a.k.a. focus groups) with older adults at Central and Southeast Seattle Senior Centers. Helen is also planning a conversation with residents and family members at Washington Care Center.
- Cynthia discussed the cost of catfish for the lunch. Currently the cost has increased to \$8.99 per pound. She recommends serving fried chicken instead. Members agreed to first ask ADS to underwrite the cost (\$400).

### Digital Communications Committee

- Marti reported that it is time to update members' pictures on the website.
- FaceBook now has 218 people who "Like" the page and are following.

## II. MCAAE Goals

- Kameka reported that she is working on a MCAAE informational flyer to be used by members as a recruitment tool. She will present a draft at the July meeting.
- Kameka also reported that she is participating on the African American Leadership Forum (AALF). The AALF is a movement of African American leaders and stewards within the Twin Cities, Portland, Seattle, Des Moines, and Tacoma metropolitan areas.

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The AALF is committed to the revitalization and sustainability of a vibrant African American community. The initiative was launched by the Northwest Area Foundation. Their current focus areas are: child welfare, education, economic prosperity, health care, and law and justice. She would like to establish a partnership with AALF even though they currently are not focusing on older adults. Kameka would also like to partner with other African American organizations that have a senior's component.

- Kameka is compiling all information regarding the past MCAAE nonprofit status. She will be passing all information on to Helen who has agreed to be the lead on renewing the status.

### **III. Bylaws**

Members voted to approve the committee's draft recommended revisions to the bylaws. The recommendations include the following:

- No members can serve more than two consecutive terms or 4 years.
- Chair serves two consecutive years.
- Revise treasurer and secretary roles.
- Chair meet with mayor and reports to MCAAE members.
- Chair appoints interview committee.
- Add information regarding the reappointment process.
- Add information regarding the number of members (for example: up to 12 members).

Karen is working on a draft that will include the specific language from the existing bylaws for each revision. When finalized, Executive Committee members will review one last time before forwarding to James Bush, Boards & Commissions Administrator, for review and approval by the Mayor.

### **IV. Announcements**

On Sunday, October 14, 2012, the CASC is planning a Celebration of Independence, in conjunction with the world premier of Pullman Porter Blues, by Cheryl L. West. The event will be held at the Seattle Repertory Theater. Tickets are \$50, and all proceeds will benefit the now independent and self supporting Central Area Senior Center "The Central"!

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.